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Ín re Application of:

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Annealing Copper Films

Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: George P. Wyszomierski

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 31, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month to and including September 30, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Authorization to charge counsel's Deposit Account for the one month extension fee is given in a separate fee transmittal. The Commissioner is hereby authorized counsel's Deposit No. to charge Account 20-0782/APPM/001717.D2/KMT for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.